APPENDIX

FIRST CHARTER OF SAINT MARY'S CITY, 1668

Cæcilius Absolute Lord & Proprietary of Maryland & Avalon Prov. Ct. Lord Baltemore etc To all Our officers and Inhabitants in Maryland and to all others whom these prsts may concerne and Sendeth No. 3 Greeting know yee that of our Speciall Grace certeyne Knowledge p. 645 & meere mocon Wee have granted & as much as in us lyeth do Grant to our well beloved Inhabitants within ye Citty called or Knowne by ye name of S.t Mary's Citty in the County of S.t Mary's in ye sd Province of Maryland & ye Circuits & prcints and priviledged places of ye s.d Citty not exceeding ye Space of one English mile Square that they ye said Inhabitants wthin ye sd Citty, Circuitts & precincts aforesd shalbe an Incorporated Citty of one Major one pson learned in ye law by ye name of a Recorder & Six Aldermen & Tenn persons as Comon Councellmen inhabiteing within ye sd Citty for evrmore And that ye sd Major Recorder Aldermen & Comon Councellmen shalbe a body inCorporate & one Comunity for ev. r in right & name & shall be by ye name of Major Recorder Aldermen & Comon Councell of the Citty of S.t Maryes Citty able & Capable att Law to be sued & to sue And to act execute & doe as a body in Corporate & to have succession forever, And to yt end to have a Comon Seale and that Philip Calvert Esqr one of ye Inhabitants of ye sd Citty shall for ye prst be & be named Mayor of ye sd Citty for ye ensueing yeare & John Morecroft Recorder of ye same & William Calvert Esq. Jerome White Esq Daniel Jenifer Garrett Vansweringen Mark Cordea & Thomas Cosden Inhabitants alsoe of the sd Citty shalbe Aldermen thereof as long as they shall well behave themselves therein haveing first taken ye oath of Fidelity as alsoe ye oath appoynted by us to be taken by ye Major Aldermen & Recorder of ye Citty of St Mary's Citty And to be Administered unto them Respectively by our Leiutenant of ye sd prince for ye tyme being or by such pson or psons as wee or our heires or our Leiutennt of the sd pvince for ye time being shall from tyme to tyme authorize & appoint to Administer ye same And ye sd Major Recorder & Aldermen or ye Major part of y.m shall elect & chuse Tenn other of the most Sufficient In- p. 546 habitants of ye sd Citty to be of ye Comon Councell thereof for soe long tyme as they shall well behave themselves therein And that for ye future ye sd Major Recorder Aldermen & Comon Councell shall assemble in some convenient place within ye sd Citty on or upon ye Third day of November evry yeare & shall then &

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